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LETTER DATED 27 JANUARY 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We regret having to express our deepest concern about reports over the past several days by our Government as well as international media, informing us of a renewed and intensive deployment of Yugoslav Army troops and armoured vehicles coming mainly from three directions: from Serbia through Bjeljina, Zvornik and Visegrad. This is only the latest evidence of blatant Serbian and Montenegrin aggression against the internationally recognized, sovereign and independent Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, a full Member of the United Nations.

With the renewed shelling of Tuzla, where only yesterday five civilians were killed, plus other reported attacks in other areas of the region, as well as the regrouping of Serb forces throughout the region, we have firm grounds to believe that the above-mentioned reports indicate a new Serb offensive against the United Nations-protected safe areas and the civilian population of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

These military activities not only represent a new threat to the peace process, but are an arrogant demonstration by the Serbian regime of its contempt for, and wish to erase, the existence of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This further unmasks its total disrespect for relevant United Nations resolutions and international peace and order.

We firmly protest the involvement of Serbian and Montenegrin troops and request the urgent action of the Security Council in accordance with its resolutions 819 (1993), 824 (1993), 836 (1993) and 838 (1993).

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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